

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

MADISON M. LARA, et al,)	
)	Civil Action No. 2:20-cv-01582
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Magistrate Judge Lisa Pupo Lenihan
v.)	
)	
COL. ROBERT EVANCHICK,)	
Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Given that motions pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) are discouraged if the pleading defect is curable by amendment, **IT HEREBY IS ORDERED this 26th day of October, 2020, that the parties must meet and confer at least 5 business days prior to the filing of such a motion to determine whether it can be avoided.** The duty to meet and confer extends to parties appearing *pro se*. Consistent with the foregoing, **motions to dismiss must be accompanied by a certificate of the movant**, stating that the moving party has made good faith efforts to confer with the nonmovant(s) to determine whether the identified pleading deficiencies properly may be cured by amendment. The certificate should include when and how the meet and confer took place. **The Court will strike any motion to dismiss that does not contain the required certification.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that: (1) as soon as is practicable, Plaintiff(s) promptly shall serve a copy of this Order upon Defendant(s); (2) all counsel and unrepresented parties must read, know and understand the Local Rules of this Court (*see* web page at: http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/sites/pawd/files/local_rules/lrmanual_0.pdf); and (3) all counsel and unrepresented parties must familiarize themselves with the undersigned's Practices and

Procedures (*see* web page at <http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/content/lisa-pupo-lenihan-magistrate-judge>) and they will be held responsible for complying with the same.

s/ Lisa Pupo Lenihan
Lisa Pupo Lenihan
United States Magistrate Judge